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Alum to be honored at memorial today

► First Lt. Osbaldo Orozco was killed last month in Iraqi ambush

By Devin Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The whole football team was there. They were attending a mandatory extra class that was aimed to help them balance sports and academics. International business professor Colette

► A memorial service will be held today at 4 p.m. at the Mustang statue between the administration building and the University Union.

Frayne, who helped found the program, looked at their faces and could tell none of them wanted to be there. She continued to eye the crowd and came across one smiling face, who simply said to her, "Hi, I'm Baldo; bring it on."

"Osbaldo was a warrior; he was golden," Frayne said. "He always had a passion about him. I hope I gave him one-tenth of what he gave to me."

First Lt. Osbaldo Orozco, a Cal Poly alumnus and former Mustang linebacker, died in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom last month.

There will be a memorial service in his honor today at 4 p.m. at the Mustang statue between the administration building and the University Union.

"What a lot of people don't know is

that the Mustang statue is actually a war memorial," Maj. Paul Buechner said. "There is a plaque that has the names of all the Cal Poly alumni who have died at war."

Orozco, 23, will be added to the plaque that currently holds about 60 other alumni names from the Korean War to Vietnam.

The hour-long ceremony will include a ROTC Color Guard, a traditional gun salute, trumpet players from the Cal Poly Band and a presentation of service awards including the Purple Heart, one of the military's highest honors. The awards will be presented to Orozco's widow.

Other parts of the memorial will include a silent tribute and remarks by Cal Poly vice president for Student Affairs Cornel Morton and professor of military science Norma Tovar. A wreath will also be placed in front of the memorial for Orozco and as an overall Memorial Day ceremony.

Frayne, who was Orozco's academic adviser, also plans to speak at the memorial.

"It is so tough to put Baldo into words," Frayne said. "He was just magic. I will be representing the coaches at the memorial service. I want people to remember how he lived."

Frayne will read a statement from each of Orozco's former coaches. They have all scattered across the country and

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Skateboarding on campus

A more expensive hobby



BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

Industrial engineering senior Jordan Korinke prepares to ollie off a five stair on campus.

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Bean plants, ollie kickflips and two-foot nose 360 shove-its are just a few of the skateboarding tricks that can now cost students up to \$320.

Skateboarding, rollerskating

and rollerblading are all prohibited on Cal Poly grounds, according to Section 21.1 of the Cal Poly motor vehicle, parking and bicycle regulations.

Bail for violating this policy have recently increased from \$65 to \$122 for a first offense. A second citation's bail would cost

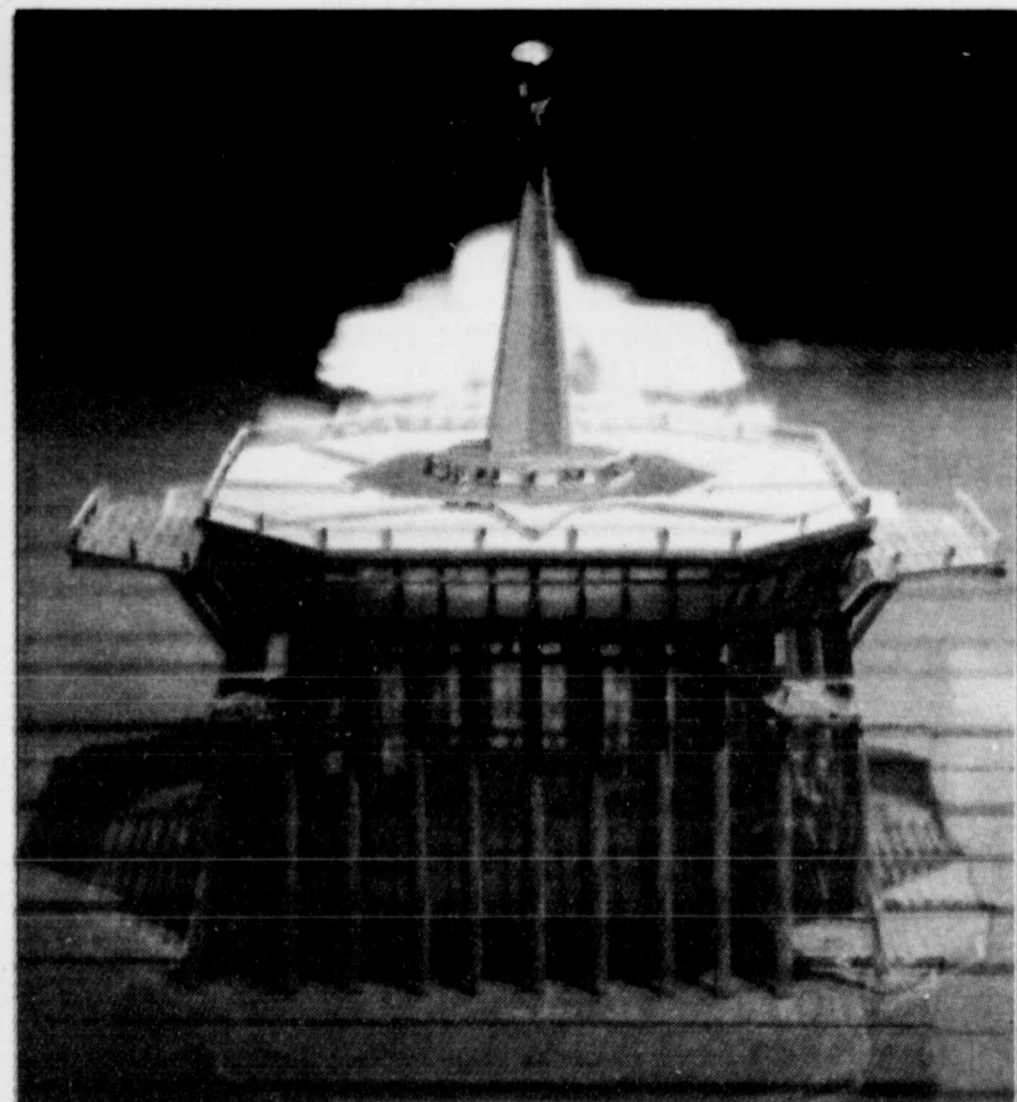
\$160 and third-timers are slapped with a \$320 bail.

Cmdr. Bill Watton of the University Police Department said the decision to increase the fines was made by the courts.

"Every year they look at all of

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Architecture by the sea



LESLIE BURTON/MUSTANG DAILY

Architecture senior Matt Dahlberg's project is a model of an educational pier titled "Surfrider Foundation Experiment at Newport Pier." The project was created for a fifth-year architecture design class.

Poly at risk for hazardous waste

By Dale Quinn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A vault in the chemistry department stores toxic chemicals students have used for experiments.

Wastewater runoff trickles from confined livestock in the rolling hills above Cal Poly.

From these sources and others, hazardous waste exists in various forms throughout campus.

"We're a big fish in a small

pond," said Cal Poly's environmental health and safety manager David Ragsdale.

This is because Cal Poly produces several types of industrial waste on a small scale. The technical school is located in a rural area and its impact on the environment is closely monitored through various inspections, Ragsdale said.

Each year Cal Poly generates 100 to 200 tons of hazardous waste, chemical hygiene specialist

Michael Ahler said. The bulk of that often comes from construction debris laden with asbestos or lead paint. The waste is destined for treatment facilities, recycling plants or, when no other options are available, landfills.

While students do not generate the majority of these toxic materials, they may encounter it in their studies. The frequency with which

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Beer fest to raise money for Hospice

► 17th annual Festival of Beers features 100 beers, blues bands

By Luke Darling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Lagers, ales and golden drafts will be flowing as the 17th annual Festival of Beers returns to Avila Beach Golf Resort from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Started in 1986, the festival is a

non-profit event that benefits the Hospice of San Luis Obispo County. The festival will feature more than 100 beers and the blues songs of Midnight Rider and Loose Gravel.

The hospice festival runs along with the Avila Beers and Blues festival, but the two events are different.

"We've worked together with the Blues and Beers festival over the years, but they are separate from us because we are non-profit

and Avila's is for profit," said hospice development coordinator Gracie Rey.

The festival has been a success for hospice and their operational budget in the past, but since the festival moved to Avila Beach Golf Resort 10 years ago from the parking lot at the Graduate they have had trouble with rival festivals.

"When we started 17 years ago no one else was doing them, but

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FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
High: 73° / Low: 52°

SUNDAY
High: 72° / Low: 49°

MONDAY
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TUESDAY
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High: 3:20 a.m. / 4.4 feet

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the bail across the board," Watton said. "It's almost like a cost of living kind of thing where inflation and certain things play into that."

The fine for a skateboarding citation was \$25 in 1999, but it was raised to \$65 for a first-time offense after UPD went to the courts and requested an increase because students were continuing to ride their skateboards.

"It was such a cheap fine they'd just ride their skateboard and pay the fine," Watton said.

Industrial technology senior Jordan Korinke disagreed with Watton's statement. He said \$25 was reasonable and that it got the point across that skateboards are not supposed to be ridden on campus.

"That's a decent amount of money to be taken from you, but \$120 for a first-time offense is just ridiculous," Korinke said.

Fourteen skateboarding citations have been issued by the UPD since the beginning of the quarter and 42 skaters have been tagged since the New Year. Although most students are cooperative when receiving their ticket, Watton said more students are attempting to flee officers once spotted on their skateboards, an offense that can warrant booking into San Luis Obispo County Jail if captured.

"If they choose to do that and if they get caught, there are additional fines and fees that come into play," Watton said.

Skateboarding is prohibited on campus for two main reasons: Safety precautions and damage to campus property, Watton said.

The fact that skateboards don't have brakes is the main safety concern for campus police, Watton said. Because Cal Poly is a hilly campus, it can be even more difficult for a skateboarder to stop, putting him or herself in danger as

well as those walking around campus.

Skateboarding is on the decline at Cal Poly as compared to past years, Watton said. At its peak, however, skateboarders were responsible for \$25,000 worth of damage to campus property a year, most of which was caused by grinding on benches and handrails.

Despite these reasons, Korinke said skateboarding should be allowed on campus. He blamed its campus illegality on the negative connotation of skateboarding.

"A lot of people who skateboard aren't grinding or doing anything destructive," he said. "They're just getting from their house to their class. They don't have any bad intentions."

Korinke occasionally rides his skateboard onto campus as a means of transportation. Although he understands safety issues are involved, he said he didn't get why somebody could be allowed to drive their car and not allowed to ride their skateboard.

"Cars have brakes," Watton said.

He went on to add that motor vehicles also have lights, travel on the right side of the road and have traffic laws they must obey. In addition, operators of automobiles must have a driver's license.

"Skateboarders don't go by any of those kinds of rules," Watton said. "They skate anywhere they want, any time they want, day or night. There are significant differences there — not even in the same ballpark."

Skateboarding is illegal on campus and the chances are it's going to stay like that for quite a while. Watton said that a possible skateboarder's license is not likely to happen in the foreseeable future.

"My recommendation is that that not occur," he said.

Crime Round-Up

May 15

Around 11:40 p.m., police were contacted after a suspicious college-aged male wearing dark clothes and a dark beanie was seen crouching in the bushes near the base of a trestle tower on Stenner Creek Road. Police contacted several people in the area and gained information that the people were there to hop on a freight train headed to Santa Margarita.

May 17

Police stopped five Cal Poly students Saturday night near the water tower below the "P". Two of the students were cited for possession of marijuana.

May 18

Late Sunday afternoon vandalism was reported in the H-14 parking lot. A Ford Mustang incurred \$1,000 in unspecified damages.

— An assault with a deadly weapon occurred around 10:30 p.m. at the Shell gas station at the intersection of Santa Rosa and Monterey streets. The victim was

riding as the passenger in his van when the driver became angry with him and proceeded to strike him in the head with an unknown object several times. The victim jumped out of the moving car when the driver pulled into the gas station. He then fled in the victim's van. The perpetrator is believed to still be in the San Luis Obispo area driving a 1983 Dodge van. The victim was treated for injuries at Sierra Vista Hospital.

May 20

Tools and equipment of unspecified value were stolen from the crop science lab unit over the weekend.

— A student was cited for being drunk in public at Mustang Village around 1:40 a.m. The student was detained by security after he attempted to run away. Police arrived shortly after.

—Compiled by Mustang Daily staff writer Devin Kingdon



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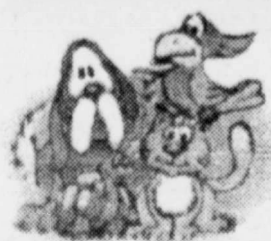
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National Briefs

Bush acts to create volunteer corps, gets into food fight with Europe

NEW LONDON, Conn.— President Bush accused Europe on Wednesday of aggravating hunger in Africa with restrictive trade policies on genetically modified food.

Bush's charges are likely to put new strains on trans-Atlantic ties already frayed by divisions over war in Iraq. The president made the accusations in a commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy before a trip to Europe late next week for a summit with allies.

The European Union has succumbed to "unfounded, unscientific fears" that make it harder for impoverished African and other Third World farmers to sell their products in European markets, Bush asserted, escalating a fight over the Europeans' decision to close their markets to bioengineered foods. U.S. farmers, eager to sell to foreign markets, have a big stake in the outcome.

Bush also proposed a program to augment the Peace Corps with hundreds of skilled volunteers to provide humanitarian aid in Iraq and elsewhere.

Under a leaden sky and in a light drizzle, Bush told graduates of the first class since the Coast Guard became part of the Homeland Security Department this year that America's military "had exceeded every expectation" in Iraq.

Critics incensed by WorldCom wireless contract in Iraq

NEW YORK — The Pentagon made an interesting choice when it hired a U.S. company to build a small wireless phone network in Iraq: MCI, aka WorldCom Inc., perpetrator of the biggest accounting fraud in American business and not exactly a big name in cellular service.

The Iraq contract incensed WorldCom rivals and government watchdogs who say Washington has been too kind to the company since WorldCom revealed its \$11 billion accounting fraud and plunged into bankruptcy last year.

"We don't understand why MCI would be awarded this business given its status as having committed the largest corporate fraud in history," said AT&T Corp. spokesman Jim McGann. "There are many qualified, financially stable companies that could have been awarded that business, including us."

Christie Whitman resigns as EPA chief

WASHINGTON — Christie Whitman, sometimes at odds with the Bush White House over environmental issues and a lightning rod for the administration's critics, resigned Wednesday as head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Whitman said in a letter to President Bush that she was leaving to spend time with family.

"As rewarding as the past two-and-a-half years have been for me professionally, it is time to return to my home and husband in New Jersey,

which I love just as you do your home state of Texas," she wrote Bush.

With Whitman's departure as EPA administrator, Bush loses one of the most prominent women in his Cabinet — a moderate former New Jersey governor selected by the president to help soften his image as a political conservative, particularly on environmental issues.

In a statement, Bush called Whitman "a trusted friend and adviser who has worked closely with me to achieve real and meaningful results to improve our environment," and also "a dedicated and tireless fighter for new and innovative policies for cleaner air, purer water and better protected land."

International Briefs

Top bin Laden aide said to call on Muslims to imitate Sept. 11 attacks

CAIRO, Egypt — An audiotape attributed to Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant on Wednesday called on Muslims to stage terrorist strikes against Jews, Americans and U.S. allies.

The Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera showed a still photograph of Ayman al-Zawahiri wearing a white turban while a forceful speaker urged Muslims to draw inspiration from the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Consider your 19 brothers who attacked America in Washington and New York with their planes as an example," said the voice, speaking the classical Arabic typical of al-Qaida statements and making the

accent difficult to place.

In the tape, the speaker referred to protests ahead of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and the early days of the war, a possible hint of when the recording was made.

"The protests, demonstrations and conferences won't work. Nothing will help you except carrying weapons and harming your enemies Americans and Jews," the voice said.

At least 10 people killed in Indonesia's largest crackdown against Aceh separatist rebels

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Indonesia's military intensified attacks on the separatist guerrillas of Aceh province Wednesday, firing rockets at rebel bases and ordering troops to shoot arsonists on sight.

Aceh military commander Maj. Gen. Endang Suwarya said soldiers killed 10 rebels on the third and bloodiest day of the assault. Separatists put the death toll at 13, including 10 civilians, while the Indonesian Red Cross reported 10 deaths.

"We need to take urgent steps. We want this problem finished quickly," Suwarya said, referring to the rebellion in the mountainous oil- and gas-rich province of 4.3 million people.

The military operation, the largest since Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975, was ordered Monday by President Megawati Sukarnoputri after weekend peace talks in Tokyo broke down. The military said Tuesday 12 rebels had been killed or captured since the fighting began.

Climbers fail to scale Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal — Wind storms forced more than 100 climbers to retreat from the south face of Mount Everest on Wednesday, amid celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the first Everest conquest.

But 13 Chinese, South Korean and American mountaineers on the northern side reached the summit of the world's highest mountain — including a man from Spokane, Wash. and his 20-year-old son, believed to be the youngest American to succeed.

A record number of people are trying to scale the Himalayan peak this month to honor the historic climb of Sir Edmund Hillary, of New Zealand, and Tenzing Norgay, a Nepalese guide.

Veteran mountaineers are gathering in the Nepalese capital next week for the event, including Hillary and Junko Tabei, who in 1975 became the first woman to reach the summit.

With only a few days left in the climbing season, the thwarted mountaineers on the Nepalese side had hoped to reach the 29,035-foot-high summit after several days of better weather. Increasingly strong winds and rain forced them to return to the highest camp, at 26,240 feet.

The Nepalese government has issued climbing permits to 22 expedition teams for the March to May season, each with about 12 members plus Sherpas who help carry gear up the icy slopes.

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Is bigger really better?

Our country is riddled with penises. Phallic images are all over the place, from skyscrapers to limousines to vodka bottles. It seems that everyone wants something that's longer, harder or just bigger in general. And our obsession with breasts is no different. Mountains in the background of beer ads are deliberately bosom-like, and has anyone seen Diablo Canyon? A big pair of radioactive tits just waiting to cause problems. With a whole nation so focused on private parts, I just need to know: Does size really matter?

In terms of penis size, it depends on your definition of "matter." Are girls more concerned with having good sex or bragging to their friends? Despite what you may hear, bigger isn't always better. Many, many, many women agree that the old adage is true; it's not the size, it's how you use it. Think about it: Mouths or hands don't have to be freakishly large to be pleasurable.

The bigger the guy is, the more friction there will be, and that can lead to a loss of lubrication. Guys may worry they aren't turning their woman on if she reaches for the Astroglide, but it's really a logistical issue. Each woman is physically different, and for most of us, 9 inches isn't the ideal. A girl may not be used to handling a whole lot of man, and it can hurt. In fact, smaller may be better if you have an active G-spot. The infamous zone (named for Dr. Grafenburg, who discovered it) is only about 3 inches in. With practice and patience most girls can get theirs going and when they do, many discover that a normal-sized guy produces more sensation than a King Kong. And if she says it's a good size, that's exactly what she means.

So if women enjoy an average-sized guy (or less), why must men still try to overcompensate? For centuries, boys have been acting foolishly on behalf of their wangs. I believe that if Napoleon and Saddam both gained 3 inches, they probably would have been pretty mellow. And I hate to say it, but ridiculously large trucks seem to yell, "Don't look at my penis!" Who cares if you're not buying Magnum condoms? Girls don't stress over it, why should you?

For some guys, however, this isn't a problem.

OK, enough about penises and politics. We women also suffer at the hands of society's expectations, only we fixate on the size of every body part. Nose, thighs, feet, lips, even hair. Ironically, our "lady bits" are the only thing we can relax about. Without a doubt, women worry the most about the size of their boobs.

I remember being 13, longingly waiting for the Breast Fairy to arrive. Well, the bitch never came and I've dealt with it. But some girls were visited by her a little too often and are now burdened by too-large breasts. While our culture prizes a buxom woman, big jugs are wildly impractical. Back pain, unsexy bras and sagging are just some of the things well-endowed women have to put up with. Not to mention the worry that guys only approach them for two very large and soft reasons. Usually, if a guy is preoccupied with huge tatas, he's got a mommy complex.

But let me tell ya' sister, a B-cup ain't all sunshine and puppy dogs either. The standards of beauty and sexiness tend not to apply to more diminutive girls. In a perfect world, there'd be a porno mag called "Flatties," but alas, no.

Not surprisingly, the boob debate seems to be more in the heads of women than men.

"I don't care if a girl's big or not," says foxy Ross. "I'm a butt man."

"It's more about being proportionate," adds Dustin. "They have to fit her body."

Overall, most of us value things like personality, good teeth and sparkly eyes more than big lumps of strategically placed fat. And if you're dating someone who doesn't, tell them to stock up on Big Sticks and cantaloupes and dance on out the door!

Shallon Lester is a speech communication senior who is working on the premiere issues of "Flatties" and "Two-Inchers." For questions, comments or measurements you'd like to share, e-mail her at shallonlester@hotmail.com. Only two columns left!



Sex
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Politicians should represent people, not political interests

Freedom of speech should not be for sale, and more importantly, neither should politicians' votes. Unfortunately, in America's political system, money continues to be a main motivator for actions and laws. It is called corruption, and politicians drench themselves in it. No longer is the interest of the American people at the forefront of the government's conscious, but rather

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the politicians are held in check by the corporations who spend millions of dollars to get them elected.

Fortunately, some politicians recognized the necessity for a change in the nation's campaign finance area. After his defeat in the 2000 presidential primary, Sen. John McCain made campaign finance one of his primary issues in the Senate.

Taking effect on Nov. 6, 2002, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) prohibits national party committees, federal candidates and federal office holders from receiving soft money donations from corporations, labor unions and individuals. The law also affects the timing and airing of smear ads, whether produced by national parties or special interest groups.

In the recent District Court case in Washington D.C., *McConnell v. FEC*, a

three-judge panel ruled on the constitutionality of the McCain/Feingold law, as the BCRA is also known. The court upheld some sections of the law while striking down other parts. Both sides are already preparing appeals to be taken to the Supreme Court in the summer, hopefully with a ruling by fall so that the 2004 elections will fall under the law's guidelines.

Special interest groups that oppose the law, such as the National Rifle Association, will appeal the ruling, which upheld restrictions on political ads that promote, support, attack or oppose a federal candidate. These groups feel that the law acts in direct opposition to their freedom of speech.

Defending the law for the government, The Justice Department will appeal the court's ruling that struck down the sections of the overall ban on party committees accepting soft money donations from corporations, unions or unlimited amounts from any source. Although the court upheld the soft money-raising ban on federal candidates and office-holders, the ruling would allow national party committees to accept soft money donations.

The law's congressional sponsors say that the law should be upheld as it is because any deterrence from it would allow corruption to continue.

Politicians should represent the voice and interest of the American people rather than oil companies, automobile manufacturers or the NRA.

In a press release, Sen. McCain said that the court must understand the "real world effects of large (monetary) contributions on our political systems."

Campaign finance reform does not infringe on our right of freedom of speech because we are still allowed to donate money to candidates; we just have to follow the hard money guidelines. Restrictions on ad campaigns also help the electoral process, because the naive public will not fall into believing the fallacies often present in the ads.

Unlimited money in politics threatens democracy. Politicians should represent the voice and interest of the American people rather than oil companies, automobile manufacturers or the NRA. Campaign finance reform is a necessary step toward improving our system of government and the principles upon which it acts.

Allison Terry is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

ASI election coverage was unfair

Editor,

Editor's note: An editorial, like that mentioned in the following letter, by definition supports one cause or candidate over another and is common practice at newspapers nationwide. The decision to support Anderson and Berdial was made by an editorial board consisting of Mustang Daily Editor in Chief Stephen Curran, Managing Editor Malia Spencer and Opinion Editor Dena Horton. The fact that Berdial is a journalism student is merely coincidental and did not impact the decision.

I was appalled at the Mustang Daily's blatantly biased reporting on the student elections over the past few weeks. Each article blasted Parnell/Paasch and at least one failed to even mention Ayers/Vazquez ("Anderson/Berdial a step in right direction for ASI," May 7), all the while promoting Anderson/Berdial. "Campaign funds vary greatly" (May 6) wrongly stated Associated Students Inc. voted against reforming campaign spending, when in fact voting was postponed until after this election to allow for more information. Clearly, ASI wants to make an informed decision that will be fair and enforceable, but the Mustang Daily leapt to conclusions, painting each candidate as overly slick, shady politicians with no time for the little people simply because they were spending more money. Funny, too, how Berdial is a journalism major and they got so much favorable press.

Constantly, I read about how Anderson and Berdial's "grassroots" campaign to "make the office accessible to students" was so unique and new. Most people seem to forget Anderson ran last year, giving the same tired old lines. Moreover, their campaign has been characterized by equally dubious, slick methods, including twisting the truth such as the supposed "schism between Student Life and ASI" Anderson promised to fix. Actually, ASI works closely

with Student Life. Both candidates make good use of friends to buy their T-shirts for \$5 each (an amount not included in their \$500 limit).

How come working hard to raise funds is bad, but working your connections is not?

Brandon Burns is a biological sciences junior.

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Prayer debate targets public schools

Elementary and secondary public schools nationwide are threatened to prove that they allow prayer wherever and how-ever. The federal courts are considering taking away up to \$23 billion from the schools if they don't comply with court-protected rights.

Education Department spokeswoman Susan Aspey said, "The goal all along has been to make sure local school districts do not have any policies in place that sanction religion — or policies that prohibit voluntary religious expression by students."

Commentary

The debate over prayer in schools is always a hotbed for the religious and non-religious alike. As the government proceeds to work with the mosaic of religions in the United States, religious scholars and atheists are questioning what could come of religion in the classroom. The new push by the federal lawmakers to practice freedom of religion anywhere is a great idea in theory and could improve the learning environment. But this country, like many others, is a work in progress, and regardless of the beautiful ideas that have developed so far there is obviously much work needed to be done. Falling short of perfection, our society teeters on the idea of religion in schools and it is debating whether there truly can be a happy medium here and now.

The separation of church and state has always been a fundamental premise of our constitution and of our country. The first amend-

ment contains the "Establishment Clause" which prohibits the government from establishing religion in the public domain. After all, the Pilgrims left England to escape religious persecution in 1620 and people have been coming to America in search of religious freedom ever since. The mix of government and religion challenges a grounding principle of our country. The beliefs of our forefathers are compromised if we slowly attempt to blend the two.

The forced mix of religion and education coinciding smoothly could eventually lead to an explosive situation in a number of areas. Religion in the classroom might not fare well for the academic environment. Students may become more interested in religion rather than the basics of science or math. Children may also behave aggressively because others on the playground have opposing beliefs and might be affected at home with their parents' religious ideals and not go to school with an open mind. It may be too late to change the system.

On the other hand, a larger influence of religion at school could positively affect the behavior of children. The men who wrote the Constitution might not have been aware of all that was to come for the United States in the 21st century. Perhaps the discipline religion provides could alter the course of what would be an otherwise delinquent child. The presence of religion at school could benefit children in the long run because they will look back fondly and remember friends who were Jewish, Muslim, Hindi or Christian, etc.

Children should have the right to pray when they want to but it should not be mandated by the government.

Children should have the right to pray when they want to but it should not be mandated by the government. I don't think it is reasonably possible to clearly remove all elements of religion from the classic learning environment. The issue is so complicated because people are unsure where religion and state should combine, if at all. In the world, people surround themselves daily with various religious backgrounds. If we try to separate religion and school we might end up with a situation like that of racial separation. Just as it seems absurd to separate whites and blacks, it might just seem as idiotic to separate our beliefs and our learning. We can't block parts of the world because we are uncomfortable with a mix. School might just be the perfect place to start. Why not begin with children appreciating various cultures and faiths in a controlled area? It is a shame that this debate has to be enforced with a financial threat dangling over our educational institutions.

Samantha Weeks is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Dating Web sites untapped resource for students

From chatting it up with a nice looking co-ed at a house party to sharing a drink at Mother's Tavern, one of the important aspects of college is to meet people and branch out.

One of the newest ways to meet and greet people now is online. There are multiple online dating services and chat rooms where love-lost individuals can try to meet their own Matt Damon or Britney Spears.

When it comes to finding love online, there are many options including CollegeLuv.com, CampusFlirts.com, Makeoutclub.com, MeraPyr.com and Matchmaker.com, to name a few.

Commentary

There is the stigma that comes from online dating and for some people it could be the main factor why more college students and people in general do not take advantage of the vast resource. Online dating does have that feeling of connecting with someone from the personal ads — there's nothing wrong with it, but you may end up meeting a 35-year-old Trekkie who collects stamps.

For many people, especially college students strapped for time, online dating provides a source for people to meet others on their own terms, outside of the packed dance hall scenes of bars.

How do online daters deal with the fact that no matter how close their conversations and chats have become, the first time they meet will be a blind date? Will there be that spark of chemistry, attraction or lust?

"Whether you see a picture or you don't it's really different seeing the person for the first time because the picture from their senior year in high school usually is not all that accurate," said Jarrod Hansen, an avid online dater.

Hansen is an authoritative source on the realm of online dating because he is one of the few and the proud that has ventured across the United States to start a relationship with a woman he only knew from the Internet.

"Sure there's been some psychotic chicks and bad situations, but for the most part all the people have been really cool," Hansen said. "The most important aspect and what keeps me online is the fact that you are meeting and getting to know people you normally wouldn't strike up conversations with."

As time passes, maybe online dating will lose some of its loner-extremely-shy negative stigma. It's possible many college students might not want to admit to the fact that despite all the opportunities available, they can't find love or a person with similar interests. With chat rooms catering to all different tastes and preferences from Salsa-loving to Vietnamese food-eating to bondage to "South Park" fans, online dating provides the opportunity to seek out people who share common interests.

Call me old fashioned, but I enjoy striking up a conversation with women in real life. In settings where you can actually see funny or beautiful habits they have when talking, so that if you do get a phone number the first time you meet is not a blind date. However, if you met at a party it might as well be a blind date depending on how many chats you had while pumping the keg.

To each their own, though. If chatting online is what keeps you happy and the chance of meeting someone who is a carbon copy of similar hobbies is what you crave, then live it up. For one person's garden of roses and tulips is another person's compost and manure heap.

Luke Darling is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

God's truth alone sets us free

Editor,

I guess that I wasn't clear in saying that there is NONE who does good. Romans 3:12 says, "There is none who does good, no, not one." That even includes any Christian arrogant enough to think that they can do anything good on their own (Romans 7:18, Ecclesiastes 7:20). God alone is good (Luke 18:19, Mark 10:18) and provides every good and perfect gift (James 1:17), including salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

As for the "doom and gloom," it comes back to the standard that God holds us to His holiness (1 Peter 1:15). All of our works and desires are self-serving (Romans 7:14-25) and filthy rags to the Lord (Isaiah 64:6). There is nothing that we can ever do on our own to accomplish anything that is good or righteous according to God's standard. Therefore we deserve eternity in hell.

God knows that we can't live up to that standard and that is why He sent His son to die and be resurrected, thus giving us a living hope (1 Peter 1:3). "And the testimony is this, that He has given us eternal life, and that life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; He who does not have the Son of God does not have the life" (1 John 5:11-12).

I care for each of you and want all of you to know the TRUTH and to believe in it because the TRUTH will set you free (John 8:32, 2 Timothy 2:25-26).

Benjamin Candee is a civil engineering senior.

Campaigners really did spend \$500

Editor,

This is a response to Mark Beck-Heyman's May 15 letter ("\$500 election claim doesn't make sense"). Mark, I advise you to do your own research before lecturing the Mustang Daily and claiming that Anderson and Berdial are liars. They set a \$500 budget on their own. If they spent more than \$500, they would state openly that a \$500 budget is too low for an ASI election. They set a limit as research for future Associated Students Inc. policy. Every person you saw wearing an Alison-Olga T-shirt paid \$5 for it.

For some this may be hard to believe, but take a look at the election results. A lot of people wanted them to win, and believed in the candidates enough to buy a T-shirt. Their campaign cards cost less than \$60. A Cal Poly student-run printing organization did it for them at cost. It's called connections. They didn't have many stake signs, all the signs were non-color printed, and the posters were made at the Craft Center. Have you ever bought Otter Pops? They're a few cents apiece.

Mark, use common sense. People are capable of running an honest campaign and winning! Have faith in our new president and vice president. They're amazing people and will work hard to represent you and your peers. If you're still questioning their budget, take a walk to the Student Life and Leadership office. Their receipts have been turned in. Then ask Parnell and Paasch for their receipts. I bet you won't find them anywhere.

Molly Frisbie is a civil engineering senior who encourages people to check out Anderson-Berdial's financial statements for themselves.

What happened to the Queens?

Editor,

There was a lot of talk going on about how this year was the Kings' year, and the Lakers just got lucky last year. Well, the Kings fans got a little ahead of themselves and have been pretty quiet lately. Maybe next year you will wait until you actually win some-

thing before you start talking crap just because the Lakers lost. Now that both teams are out of the playoffs, the Kings have nothing to show for the last four years, while the Lakers have three rings. Yes, they may have lost Webber, but they were going to lose even if he didn't get injured. But hey, don't worry, maybe next year will be "their year."

Tony Lombardi is a civil engineering senior.

'White privilege' definitely still exists

Editor,

The irony of recent discussion over white privilege is nothing short of amazing to me. I believe that most people of minority descent would agree that one of the biggest areas of privilege for people like me — white — is that we can choose whether or not to accept that we are privileged based on our ethnicity. Many of the letters recently printed, apart from coming across as incredibly defensive, seem to be exercising the number one white privilege: "I do not have to acknowledge that life is different for non-white people."

Personally, I have never had to wonder if my professor has questioned my intelligence because of my skin color or accent. I accept that I have never had the fear of being declined housing because of unfair suspicions about my race. I am almost never insulted, patronized or subjected to inappropriate remarks because of my ethnicity. I am privileged in these ways and so many more because I am white.

Yes, my parents too have worked hard, and yes, I myself paid for my own education, car and personal expenses; I think that I would have had a heart attack had my folks ever given me a gas card. However, I am willing to accept that society as I know it affords me many privileges because I am a member of the dominant culture. Furthermore, I hope that in acknowledging my own privilege, I am greasing the wheels of reconciliation between myself and my friends and colleagues of other ethnicities.

Craig Weber is a city and regional planning alumnus.

Gay couples deserve same rights

Editor,

Ignorance is something that needs to be addressed on our campus. There are people who make it through college and don't learn what it means to be educated about other people's culture, ethnicity or sexuality. A prime example is Mr. Michael Swanson, whose comments were very uneducated and basically ignorant.

When people discuss the idea of same-sex marriage, they try to make an argument against it by bringing up absurd ideas that if we allowed that to happen it would open the doors for people to marry their family members or even their pets.

Let's think about this one, if you were in the hospital do you think your cat would want to go see you to be by your side? I don't think so. The sad reality is that even if a homosexual couple is registered as a same-sex partnership the partner looking for visitation rights would have to go through tons of paperwork and many circles to just go see their loved one in the hospital. I think it is unfair we have to go through all that and any heterosexual couple can just go in looking for their spouse and not need to prove it.

I think the only way we will ever have equality in the marriage arena is when people break out of their ignorance and realize how many more privileges heterosexual couples have than homosexual couples.

David Perez is a landscape architecture senior.



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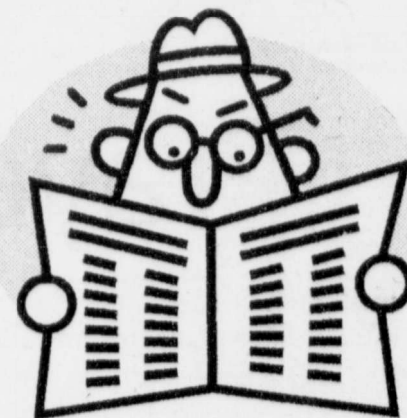
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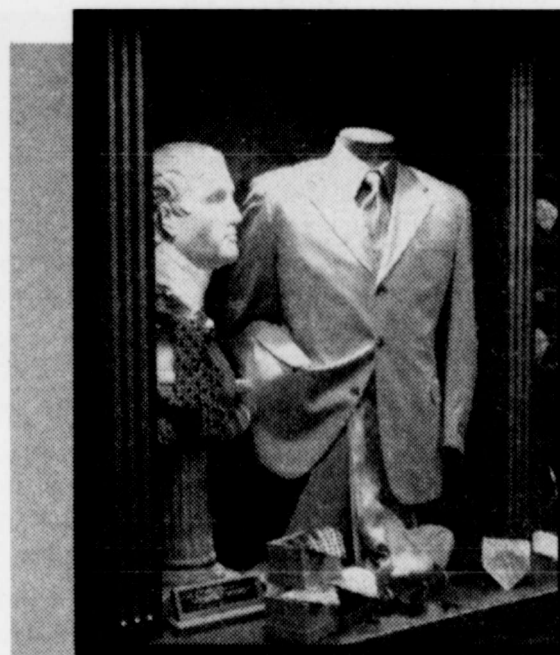
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Arts & Culture

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It's all about the look...

For the Mustang Daily Arts and Culture editor breaks down the fine art of the musician's publicity photo

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Say 'Cheese'

Solving the enigma of the ever-important press photo

By Bryan Dickerson
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The band publicity photo is as standard to music as the three-minute pop song. It's a way for artists to declare their genre and influences while distinguishing themselves from the pack.

A good publicity shot conveys what music alone cannot — that intangible spark lurking beneath the pleather outfits and Marshall stacks. A bad one unimaginatively repeats what has come before, like the umpteenth sequel to a horror flick.

Image is crucial to make it in the business and a photo is often the first impression of a band to come across an editor or record executive's desk. A prospective label must consider how a band will appear in videos, what their demographic is and factor the success of similar bands in that genre, a seemingly insurmountable task that begins with a simple picture.

Bobby McElver of local act Treluna — a band in the process of making their own publicity photo — said the photos are crucial to the band/fan relationship.

"Listeners who feel a strong connection to the music desire to see

what the band looks like," McElver said. "A good photo is something that captures the essence of the band."

For better or worse, these first impressions become helpful in marketing the band.

"Oftentimes, publicity photos are used by the music industry to exploit a certain style of music," McElver said. "They market a certain 'look' to a specific demographic. For example, record labels will photograph bands in ways that resemble other bands so an instant visual connection is made. A person might think 'Wow, that band looks like the Strokes, I should check out their CD.'"

This approach appears to have gone awry. Looking through a stack of publicity photos collected at Mustang Daily and KCPR, differentiating one band from another is difficult. In most photos, band members stand with a practiced look of toughness and cool mixed with a pinch of indifference.

But if the purpose of a band photo is to also create brand recognition, why such conformity?

Santa Maria Sun arts editor Abraham Hyatt gets several publicity photos a week, more during summer when several bands come through the

Central Coast to play the fairs. He said most of the images don't show the uniqueness of the artists, but instead a bunch of pissed off guys.

"There's a lot of 'we're going to look tough with our arms folded' images," Hyatt explained. "A lot of bands find safety in a predictable image. They get the idea of what they should look like from Spin magazine or MTV."

McElver did a little armchair analysis of the tough-guy glossies as well.

"You are much less vulnerable if you look tough, as opposed to looking sincere and heartfelt," McElver said. "Maybe a lot of people who listen to music aren't comfortable having that type of connection through music anyway. It might work out for the impersonal bands to remain looking impersonal,

so all the insecure people can not connect together."

So what kind of image rises to the occasion, capturing the true essence of the artist and the attention of the powers that be? It might be, like most art, a matter of taste.

"There was one band I wanted to

interview because of their photo," Hyatt said. "It was shot from above. They were all lying on the pavement holding their instruments. Obviously some thought went into it. I'd hope the music would be innovative as well. But that could just be a reflection of me liking weird things."



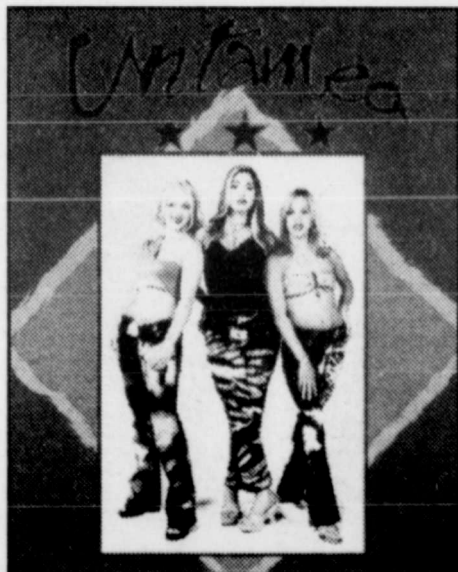
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A publicity shot can make or break a struggling band. The Youngblood Brass Band, shown above, garnered attention from the arts editor at the Santa Maria Sun based solely on the interesting poses the band members hold.

And the winner is...

The former Mustang Daily arts and culture editor rates the best of the worst publicity photos

Best Teen Sex Sells



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Live Music

Just who is Jason Mraz, anyway?

► ASI Events expects a respectable turnout for new singer/songwriter

By Grant Shellen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The day before singer/songwriter/guitarist Jason Mraz's scheduled show at the Cal Poly Rec Center tonight at 7 p.m., students on campus were saying one thing about him: "Who?"

Though Mraz has been receiving recent attention thanks to a video for his song "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)" and articles in publications like Rolling Stone, many Cal Poly students have never heard of the Virginia-born artist.

Agricultural business freshman Marcus Veyna said he listens to "pretty much everything," but didn't know who Mraz was. Despite this, he said he would consider going to tonight's show on someone's recommendation.

"If enough of my friends were going, I'd go," he said.

Associated Students Inc. is sponsoring the show. Zach Mullinax, ASI student supervisor of concerts, said Mraz was chosen because he is seen as a rising star by industry professionals.

"I was in a conference with music industry executives in December, and (Mraz) was the talk of the conference," Mullinax said. "Everyone was buzzing about him."

The buzz is surrounding not only Mraz's major label debut, "Waiting For My Rocket To Come," but his live show. After moving to San Diego two years ago, he built a loyal following based on his funky acoustic shows at coffee shops and clubs in the area. Elektra records signed Mraz and teamed him up with producer John Alagia — who has worked with John Mayer and Dave Matthews — and a backup band. The label released "Rocket" late last year.



COURTESY PHOTO

Although many people don't know Jason Mraz, ASI Events officials are hoping that the buzz surrounding his music will draw in fans from as far as Santa Barbara for tonight's concert.

Diana Cozzi, ASI's assistant director of programs, said she polled students to make sure there would be interest in Mraz before booking him. She said that the concert was funded with money from student fees, but was not as costly as other possible shows would have been.

"It's not nearly as much as what somebody would pay for blink-182," she said. "We definitely are very mindful of using student dollars."

The show had sold only about 700 tickets as of Wednesday afternoon, Cozzi said, and ASI officials were expecting about 2,000 people to attend the show. She said a large number of sales are expected the night of the show, especially due to

heavy promotion in Santa Barbara.

Speech communication senior Autumn Pearson said her roommate introduced Mraz's music to her, and she liked it enough to buy a ticket for the show. She said quite a few of her friends are going, too.

"Of the 12 to 15 people that I spoke to about the concert, only five were opposed to going," she said.

Pearson said that although some students felt \$15.50 was a bit too much to pay for a concert by a relatively unknown artist, she was perfectly willing to pay — even just for the experience of hanging out with friends.

"If it was too much, I wouldn't be going," she said. "At least (ASI) is bringing people to campus."

UU Hour

Five Alarm set to make noise with mixture of sounds

By Samantha Yale

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Whatever diversity Cal Poly is lacking, Five Alarm can remedy.

The band consists of members from across the globe: Vocalist/bassist Christian Love hails from Santa Barbara, vocalist/guitarist Chris Rokusek is from the Midwest, lead guitarist Peter Attard calls London home and drummer Ian Falgout is originally from New Orleans.

The foursome will play University Union Hour today at 11 a.m.

Attard described Five Alarm's music as a mixture of many different genres.

"It has elements of ska, punk, pop and Foo Fighters, if you put it all in a bucket and mixed it up with a spoon," he said. "Just like David Bowie used to do with lyrics."

Rokusek simplified the band's appeal.

"Anyone who likes to dance will like this stuff," Rokusek said.

Colleges are not the normal venues for Five Alarm. The band frequents clubs and other venues in the Ventura County area.

"This is the first college show I've ever played," Falgout said.

Attard, who claims the reason he moved to America is because of a band called In Living Color that he saw on a "kiddie show" and because he "loved the accents," said he was initially captivated by the sound.

"The songs blew me away," he said, "so I joined the band."

Falgout agreed that he was attracted to the band because of the interesting music it plays.

"There's a lot of vocal harmonies," he added.

The band has been together for about a year, but all of the members have prior experience playing in other bands.

Though the band does not currently have a CD, they have a three-song demo that they recorded and have plans to release a full-length recording in the near future.

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were unable to attend in person, Frayne said.

Orozco's family is planning to attend the public memorial.

"I didn't know him, but I know that he went to Iraq to protect all of us and our beliefs and ideals," said history sophomore Jessica Dickenson. "The least we can do is attend his memorial and say 'thank you.'"

Orozco was killed April 26 near

"Osbaldo was a warrior; he was golden. He always had a passion about him."

Colette Frayne

international business professor

Tikrit, Iraq. His unit, part of the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas, was hurrying to the aid of a checkpoint under enemy fire when the Bradley fighting vehicle he was riding in rolled over, according to a press release.

Orozco, an Earlimart native, attended Delano High School in the San Joaquin Valley. He was a four-year football letterman at Cal Poly as a linebacker. Orozco also recorded 300 tackles from 1996-99, enough to lock down the No. 3 all-time record at Cal Poly. He also earned the title of the team's most inspirational player in 1999 and was voted linebacker of the year by his teammates in 1998.

He graduated in 2001 with a degree in social science.

CHEMICALS

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students are dealing with these substances makes it necessary that they stay aware of their properties, Ahler said.

"Some of the campus community is very aware of the hazards and requirements and some other parts of the campus community might not be aware," he said.

Lori La Vine, an instructional support technician and safety officer for the chemistry department deals with hazardous materials on a daily basis. She provides students with various chemicals for their senior projects, always making sure that they know risks of handling

such substances.

"We're a university and we have responsibility that everyone who handles these materials knows how to properly dispose of them," she said.

Any faculty member on campus can order hazardous materials, making it difficult to ensure that everyone who uses the substances knows how to manage and dispose of them, she said. Anyone who has any doubts about the properties of a substance should contact risk management and determine the environmental risks of that material, she said.

Most students are interested in the proper usage and disposal of hazardous materials, Ragsdale said.

"A lot of the students are active

in these issues, environmental issues, but they may not realize that the university itself is kind of a semi-industrial facility," he said.

But, because of Cal Poly's teaching philosophy, it is necessary that students stay informed about the wastes their activities can generate. "They have a lot of hands-on labs and a lot of hands-on activities. They're out there driving tractors or mixing solutions," he said.

Some of these processes generate hazardous waste.

The best way for a student to stay informed is to discuss the impact their curriculum has on the environment with their professors, Ahler said. Each department also has an ability to limit the distribution of hazardous waste.

Ahler provided the example of using less toxic chemicals in certain experiments. Such methods have proven beneficial in waste reduction, Ahler said.

When chemicals are not disposed of properly, it comes to the university's attention, Ragsdale said. Various city and county agencies monitor the waste produced by Cal Poly. The university's location in a small, rural community puts it under closer surveillance.

La Vine emphasized that the proper disposal of hazardous materials is necessary regardless of regulation. The university has a responsibility to the neighboring community and environment to ensure that toxic substances are handled correctly, she said.

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now we are faced with a lot of competition because many organizations are putting on beer festivals," Rey said.

Much of the promotion of the festival has been done by a group of students in the JOUR 312 (Introduction to Public Relations) class. The course requires a hands-on project in public relations work for a local non-profit organization. Saturday marks the second year that students from the course have worked for hospice and the festival.

"Last year it was outstanding, the students had a booth at University Union Hour for two straight weeks

and then worked the day of the event for hospice," said journalism professor Mark Hucklebridge.

Devin Hyfield and Shannon Shutts are two of the six students putting on the event this year and they said they have been doing a lot of promotion downtown.

"Hospice is covering all areas of media," Shutts said. "They had us put up flyers through downtown and all of the major businesses."

Rey said she is very thankful for the work of the students who are helping to support hospice.

"They've put up a lot of our promotional posters and have been selling tickets on campus," Rey said. "They've been a big help."

With a few non-profit organizations having to shut down recently, Rey said they have been keeping

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their goals very realistic.

"Our goal is to keep our doors open and continue to provide service for the surrounding community," Rey said.

With all the alcohol flowing around in the sun; many would expect problems

and disturbances to occur but Rey said they have never had a problem in the history of the 17-year event because they try to keep a family atmosphere present at the festival.

Tickets for the Festival of Beers are \$20 pre-sale and \$30 the day of the event. Designated driver tickets are also available and include a free lunch. Children can get in for \$5. Tickets will also be on sale at today's UU Hour along with a free raffle and a chance to win four free tickets to the Festival of Beers.

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board, and each kite is designed for different wind and riding conditions.

"For example, you'd want a kite

with a larger surface area for days when the wind hasn't picked up," Lee said. "But when it's howling, you're going to want a smaller, more aerodynamic kite."

Industrial engineering senior Charles McBride is a relative newcomer to the sport from Malibu.

"I'm trying to get more Cal Poly

students and my friends out in the water, because so many people are clueless about it," McBride said.

When you start to get into it, you realize that there's equipment for almost every condition, McBride said.

"It's a mix-and-match game with kiteboarding," he said. "There's so

much variety in kites and boards."

For more information on kiteboarding or a lesson, contact Kinsley Wong at www.xtremebigair.com, Jason Lee at www.CentralCoastkiteboarding.com or Charles McBride at www.californiakitesurfing.com.

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Kiteboarding

Taking off on the Central Coast

By Josh Petray
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Few know about it. Even fewer do it on a regular basis. Still, many marvel over it when they see it.

The sport of kiteboarding is taking off in San Luis Obispo.

"The ocean is a playground with air on demand, extreme hang times and the freedom to catch at least 50 waves in one session," said electrical engineering senior Jason Lee, a certified kiteboarding instructor and operator of centralcoastkiteboarding.com.

Alternative sports have always had a place here, and being a county clad with outdoor enthusiasts seeking the next big thrill is just the fuel in the fire when it comes to kiteboarding, aka kitesurfing.

Just when it seemed that San Luis Obispo county couldn't possibly offer another outdoor recreation activity, along it came, and with it a new wave of enthusiasm and curiosity fueling the relatively new sport to unforeseeable heights.

Kitesurfing is a young, growing board sport that's still in its infancy but rising in popularity. Riders are attached by a waist harness to a large kite that propels them on top of the water on a board similar to a wakeboard, with some modifications. On a more advanced level, riders perform tricks like rotations, grabs, flips and no-handers as they boost off the pounding shore break.

Kinsley Wong is one of those people. From the parking lot at Oceano Dunes on any given day of the week, Wong can be seen busting huge air whenever the wind picks up. A pioneer of kiteboarding on the Central Coast, Wong is a certified instructor for his company, xtremebigair, and U.S. representative of IKO, the international kiteboarding association, as well as a huge boarding enthusiast.

"Back in 1998 there were just myself and Scott Metzger, in 1999 there were about five local riders,"



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Cal Poly electrical engineering major Jason Lee kitesurfs just south of Pismo Beach. Kiteboarding is gaining popularity locally.

Wong said. "Now, we have at least 30 local riders."

Since its introduction in the 1990s, kiteboarding has gained both international and local attention. There is a national monthly magazine dedicated to the sport, Kiteboarding, a professional competition circuit for men and women and enough awe-inspiring videos to instill the urge to go kiteboarding in almost any boarding enthusiast. There is also the CCKA, or Central Coast

Kiteboarding Association.

Snowboarding, wakeboarding, surfing, windsurfing and paragliding are all extreme sports that Wong has participated in.

"Kitesurfing is just an extension of my interests," he said. He offers lessons for eager kiteboarders of all levels, and he even does intermediate and advanced kiteboarding lessons for the technically inclined boarders, he said.

In wind-blown places in both

Northern and Southern California, kiteboarding is also growing in places like San Francisco Bay, Lake Tahoe, Malibu and San Diego. Riders compete for space with windsurfers and sailors, said Graham Sanders, a certified kiteboarding instructor who began kiteboarding at Lake Tahoe in both snow and water.

"Kiteboarding has grown a lot in the past year, especially up in Lake Tahoe," he said. His Web site, www.laketahoekiteboarding.com, has helpful tips for beginners. "And it goes off in San Luis Obispo," Sanders said.

It seems like everyone is curious about kiteboarding and constantly asking us questions when we get out of the water," said Lee, who is also a team rider for Airwave kites. "That's when I realized that I could help a lot of these people to learn and enjoy a sport that's still foreign to so many people."

Nonetheless, kiteboarding isn't cheap. A full rig, from kite to board to harness and ropes, will probably cost from around \$700 to \$1,000 for a beginner-level setup. Still, prices rocket up to a couple thousand for an advanced rig, which have different designs for high performance.

"It's just that initial investment and the question, 'Am I really going to like this sport?'" Lee said.

The boards range in price and performance as well, offering different styles like the twin tip, directional and wake-style board.

Once you're geared up, it's time to head out to the beach. But where to go? The Central Coast along San Luis Obispo County offers a variety of kitesurfing destinations, including Oceano, Pismo Beach, Morro Bay, Cayucos, San Simeon and Piedras Blancas — all common terrain for kiteboarders at different times of the year with various wind conditions.

Ideally, cruising at somewhere between 10-and 20-knot winds is perfect. Side shore winds are ideal,

Wong said.

"Pismo Beach, with its 6 miles long of soft sand, clean water, nice waves, side on shore wind, is one of the best spots to practice kiteboarding," he said.

But the wind conditions aren't always predictable. Chances are, you'll probably spend the afternoon kite flying and not riding with little wind or getting pulled around way too fast when the wind's too strong, if you don't have the right equipment, Lee said.

Nobody said that kiteboarding was easy, but with a little effort and a lot of patience, progress is definitely possible, and after the first day of lessons it's possible you'll be up and riding, Lee said.

"Kite control is the most important thing for beginners," Wong said. "And take kiteboarding lessons from a certified IKO school, plus purchase an instructional kiteboarding video and a trainer kite."

Practice flying a trainer kite as much as you can if you can't afford to take kiteboarding lessons, he said.

That's not to mean there won't be some downfalls to the learning process.

"There is no avoiding it, you're going to take some falls," Lee said.

At the end of spring as the winds begin to downshift, many kiteboarders head north to Piedras Blancas, just a few miles north of San Simeon, for optimal wind conditions through the summer months.

"The kiteboarding season is beginning to fizzle out," Lee said as he emerged from inside the breakers at Oceano Dunes last Monday. "When June comes around, it's time for me to head up to Arroyo Laguna for some better wind."

There's also a huge array of different kites to use for kiteboarding — whether it be on land, snow, or water — which are all good places to kite-

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Cal Poly Baseball

Mustangs close out year vs. No. 3 Stanford

► Road-weary Mustangs finish frustrating season against California power

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly, which finished fourth in the Big West Conference after losing two of three games at UC Santa Barbara last weekend, plays its final three games of the 2003 season this weekend against No. 3 Stanford (38-15, 18-6 Pac-10).

The Mustangs (27-25-1, 9-12 Big West), who played only 20 of their 56 games at home this season, complete their first season under head coach Larry Lee hoping to secure at least one more victory for a winning season. Friday's game at Sunken Diamond starts at 6 p.m. with the games Saturday and Sunday to begin at 1 p.m.

All three games will be broadcast

live on KKAL Radio (99.7 fm) as well as Cal Poly's athletics Web site, www.GoPoly.com (Randy Scovill).

Last week the Mustangs and Cardinal both played a pair of extra-inning games. Cal Poly defeated host UC Santa Barbara 6-5 in 14 innings Friday, then fell 4-3 in 12 innings Saturday and 9-5 in the Big West finale Sunday. Stanford beat UCLA 9-1 on Friday, fell 9-5 in 12 innings Saturday, snapping a season-high nine-game winning streak, and clinched the Pacific-10 Conference title outright Sunday with a 10-inning 9-8 win over the Bruins.

Cal Poly and Stanford have met 45 times in baseball. The Cardinal improved its advantage over the Mustangs to 40-5 by sweeping a three-game series in March 2002. Cal Poly's last win over Stanford was a 12-inning 6-5 decision on Jan. 21, 2001, the first game played in Baggett

Stadium.

Cal Poly has been decimated by a recent rash of injuries. Starting pitcher Tyler Fitch (sore elbow, groin pull) has missed three of his last five starts while relief pitcher Nolan Moser (appendectomy, pulled stomach muscle) has missed four of the last six series. Shortstop Scott Anderson (skin infection on left ankle) missed 13 games before returning to the lineup last weekend. Right fielder Chalon Tietje fractured a bone in his right wrist April 27 and is out for the year. Outfielder Pat Breen was sidelined Sunday with a shoulder injury.

Dennis LeDuc pitched eight innings in relief for the win as Cal Poly edged UCSB 6-5 in 14 innings Friday. Adam Leavitt scored on a passed ball for the winning run. Garrett Olson struck out a career-high 11 UCSB batters Saturday, but the Gauchos scored a run in the

ninth and Nate Sutton's double in the 12th scored the winning run. Both teams collected 14 hits Sunday but Cal Poly committed three errors, hit four Gauchos batters and stranded 10 runners on the basepaths.

Lee is expected to start senior southpaw Josh Kougl (1-8, 5.18 ERA) on Friday and freshman southpaw Garrett Olson (5-2, 3.89 ERA) on Saturday. Sunday's starter is undecided. Senior right-hander Tyler Fitch (5-4, 5.29 ERA) is doubtful with a groin pull.

Mark Marquess, in his 27th season as head coach at Stanford (1,131-548-5) after five seasons as an assistant and three years as a Cardinal first baseman, will counter with junior right-hander John Hudgins (8-3, 3.30 ERA) on Friday and freshman left-hander Mark Romancuk (9-0, 3.70 ERA) on Saturday. Sunday's starter is undecided.

Stanford's top hitters to date are junior outfielder Carlos Quentin (.393, 8 HRs, 47 RBIs), senior catcher Ryan Garko (.388, 14 HRs, 74 RBIs) and sophomore outfielder Danny Putnam (.355, 11 HRs, 43 RBIs). The Cardinal is hitting .317 as a team and sports a 4.14 staff ERA. Stanford is 21-10 at home, 17-5 on the road.

Cal Poly position starters for this week will be senior Alex Chavarria (.289) or junior Kyle Wilson (.254) at first base, junior Adam Leavitt (.340) at second, senior Scott Anderson (.289) at shortstop, junior Josh Mayo (.292) or freshman Bret Berglund (.279) at third, junior Billy Saul (.335) in left field, junior Sam Herbert (.353) in center, junior Pat Breen (.321) in right and junior Cory Taillon (.293) behind the plate. Either Berglund or Chavarria will be the designated hitter.